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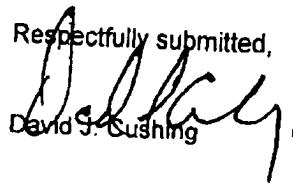
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Sir:

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

Applicants filed a response on September 3, 2004 to a final Office action mailed June 4, 2004. The response placed the application in condition for allowance. The examiner refused entry of the amendment on the grounds that some of the amended claims referred to later claims rather than to preceding claims.

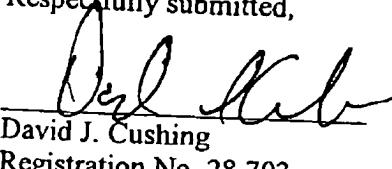
The undersigned telephoned the examiner and pointed out the last paragraph of MPEP 608.01(n)(IV), which specifically provides that this may happen during prosecution and is to be addressed by the examiner when renumbering claim upon allowance. However, the examiner advised that since entry of the September 3, 2004, he could not enter that amendment and the only recourse would be to file another response.

Applicants could have filed a petition to force entry of the amendment on the grounds that the reasons for refusal to enter the amendment were improper, the petition would have been granted and no petition fee or extension fee would have been due. Applicants have instead filed

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a supplemental response which does nothing other than move dependent claims to the end so that they now refer to preceding claims. It is respectfully requested that the extension fee required for the filing of the Supplemental Amendment be refunded, since the extension was only required due to an error by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,



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